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SUBJECT: CENTRAL BANK REQUEST FOR IMF ASSISTANCE

1. DURING JULY 19 MEETING CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR SAMBWA TOLD ME THAT HE PLANS TO ASK THE IMF TO PROVIDE TWO EXPERTS TO WORK IN THE BANK. HE SAID THAT IT WAS OF COURSE IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE FRENCH-SPEAKING AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE ASKING FOR ONE OF THE EXPERTS TO COME FROM A FRANCOPHONE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE SECOND EXPERT TO BE AN AMERICAN, RECALLING THE EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE HE HAD HAD WITH AN AMERICAN IMF REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKED FOR THE BANK UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. HE ASKED IF WE COULD ASSIST IN LOCATING A GOOD MAN FOR THE JOB.

2. IN VIEW OF THE GOZ'S INTEREST AND OBVIOUS NEED, I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE IMF WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO SAMBWA'S REQUEST.

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